UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

District Operations

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103. It supersedes the description and information outlined in NTL No. 2005-G12 regarding the status of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Region District Offices subsequent to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Houma, Lafayette, and Lake Jackson District Offices

These offices were unaffected by either Hurricane Katrina or Rita and all correspondence with these offices should continue as usual.

New Orleans District

The New Orleans District Office has resumed operations at its New Orleans location as outlined below:

Physical and mailing address:

990 N. Corporate Drive, Suite 100 New Orleans, LA 70123

New Orleans District Permits and Reports

The Houston COOP Office is no longer handling any permits, reports or departure requests for the New Orleans District. All correspondence with New Orleans District should revert back to the New Orleans District Office effective October 3, 2005. NTL No. 2005-G12 stated that Well Activity Reports(WAR) and End of Operation Reports (EOR) should be held and not submitted until January 1, 2006. This directive is hereby cancelled and you should immediately resume your submittal of these documents including all activities performed after August 27, 2005.

Additionally, all rig move reports and correspondence related to inspections for the New Orleans District shall be submitted to the New Orleans District Office.

Lake Charles District

Due to damage incurred by Hurricane Rita to the Lake Charles District Office and the surrounding Lake Charles area, the Lake Charles District Office has been closed for an undetermined amount of time.

All permits, reports, and other correspondence related to Lake Charles District are to be sent to the Lafayette District Office. Additional staff will be added to the Lafayette District to assist you with work previously handled by the Lake Charles District Office.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement: The collection of information referred to in this NTL provides clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 203 and in 30 CFR 250, subparts A, J, K, L, and Q. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements and assigned OMB control numbers 1010-0071, 1010-0114, 1010-0050, 1010-0041, 1010-0051, and 1010-0142. This notice does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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